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RE: Nomination of Debra R Judelson MD for Local Legends award

Dear Lindsay Hemphill:

It is my honor to nominate Debra R Judelson MD for the Local Legends award in the field of Patient Care and Education. I have known Dr. Judelson since my first election to Congress. She is an excellent physician, practicing Clinical Cardiology in Beverly Hills since 1981. Her expertise is in heart disease in women and her demonstration of originality and commitment is with her creation and service with the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) in the development and lead speaking for their Education Project on Coronary Heart Disease in Women.

The AMWA Educational Project on Coronary Heart Disease in Women is a lecture slide program to train primary care physicians (internists, family practitioners and OBGyns) about the risk factors, symptoms and diagnosis issues for heart disease in women. Dr. Judelson created and secured funding for this project and donated it to the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA). Since 1994, AMWA has used the materials she helped develop to train 30 master faculty instructors across the US who lecture in their local communities as well as at national meetings and has continued as Chair and Lead Speaker. This project is responsible for training over 17,000 primary care doctors about heart disease in women, the most prominent project to raise awareness in the medical profession for heart disease in women. Many speakers on heart disease in women credit AMWA's project with popularizing the topic of heart disease in women in the US.

Dr. Judelson is indeed a local legend for these efforts as well as her many other accomplishments in the field of medicine.

Sincerely,

Congressman Brad Sherman